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Attorney General John Ashcroft
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

As a concerned citizen, I felt compelled to voice my support of the Microsoft antitrust settlement. This settlement is designed to be fair and reasonable to both sides, ensuring compensation to Microsoft competitors and giving consumers more choices.

This settlement will be beneficial to both the IT industry and the consumers alike. Among other things in the settlement, Microsoft has agreed to the establishment of a three-person "Technical Committee" to monitor its conformity to the agreement and assist with dispute resolution. Microsoft has also agreed not to retaliate against computer-makers that may ship software that competes with the Windows Operating System.

This settlement was reached after three years of court battles. It is mandatory that this agreement be finalized. The whole escapade has been an excessive abuse of our tax dollars. Thank you for your work on this case, and as attorney general.

Sincerely,

Peter Bausbacher
President